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SUBJECT: COMMENTS OF FEBRAURY 4 MEETING (SALT TWO -503)

1. IN HIS FORMAL STATEMENT AT TODAYS MEETING, AS WELL AS IN OUR PRIVATE MEETING, SEMENOV BORE DOWN HARD ON NECESSITY OF IMPLEMENTING PARA 5 OF AIDE- MEMOIRE FOR LIMITATIONS OF DEPLOYMENT OF "NEW TYPES," POINTING OT GENERALIZED STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE IN ARTICLE I THEIR DRAFT AND SUBSEQUENT SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR SUCH LIMITATIONS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MY FORMAL STATEMENT TODAY SETTING FORTH QUESTIONS ON MIRV VERIFICATION WHICH I PROPOSED WE SEEK MUTUALLY TO EXAMINE (INCLUDING FORMATION IN DUE COURSE OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP) IN ORDER TO FIND ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS AND, SUBSEQUESTLY, IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION URGING HIS RESPONSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HE PUSHED ME HARD ON NECESSITY OF AVOIDING GENERALIZATIONS AND GETTING DOWN TO DEALING WITH SPECIFICS OF TEXT OF AGREEMENT. HE STRESSED THAT "THERE IS NOT MUCH TIME" BEFORE BREZHNEV'S SCHEDULED VISIT AND WE NEEDED TO GET AHEAD. IF THERE WERE ANY POINTS IN THEIR TEXT THAT WE WANTED CLARIFIED, THEY WERE PREPARED PROMPTLY TO DO SO, OR IF WE OBJECTED TO ANY

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POINTS THEY WERE PREPARED TO HEAR OUR CONCRETE

SUGGESTIONS FOR ALTERNATIVES. HE SAID THE ANSWERS THAT THE QUESTIONS I HAD RAISED FEBRUARY 1, AS WELL AS TODAY, WERE CONTAINED IN THEIR DRAFT; BUT HE THOUGHT THERE WAS ALSO AN ADDITIONAL QUESTION AND THAT WAS RESTRAINT ON NEW SYSTEMS.

3. IN BILATERALS SOVIETS ALSO CARRIED OUT THEME SONG ON RESTRAINT, UNDERLING " NEW TYPES." SHCHUKIN PARTICULARLY MENTIONED CRUISE MISSILES AS A "NEW TYPE." THEY ALSO PRESSED HARD ON THEME OF GETTING DOWN TO SPECIFICS AND DRAFTING TEXT. FROM BOTH SEMENOV AND OTHERS IT IS QUITE CLEAR THEY DO NOT VIEW AD HOC WORKING GROUPS IN A " PROBLEM SOLVING" ROLE, BUT ONLY DRAFTING ROLE AFTER POLICY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN PLENARIES. ALSO IN BILATERALS THEY STRESSED THAT IF WE HAD QUESTIONS ON MIRV VERIFICATION IT WAS UP TO US TO OFFER OUR SOLUTIONS.

4. NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

5. THERE WILL BE NO HIGHLIGHTS CABLE THIS MEETING. JOHNSON

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